**Cause and Effect Essay Brainstorm**

**Mood in “The Tell-Tale Heart”**

The overall feelings or atmosphere the writer creates for the reader is called **mood**. Descriptive words, the setting and figurative language all contribute to the mood of a work, as do the sound and rhythm of the language used. Think about the use of repeated words in the following example, and notice the effect they create:

**I undid the lantern cautiously –oh, so cautiously-cautiously (for the hinges creaked)-I undid it just so much that a single thin ray fell upon the vulture eye.**

What mood is created by the repetition? How does the sound of the language affect you? Say this sentence aloud, and note what words and sounds are emphasized.

Make a chart like the one below. Then find other examples from the story that help create a mood of horror.

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| **Example** | **Mood Created** |
| Description of old man’s eye-the eye of a vulture. | Creepy, scary |
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| **Example** | **Mood created** |
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